

An Act for encouraging the Art of making new Models and  
 Casts of Busts, and other things therein mentioned.

[21st June 1798.]

‘ **W**HEREAS divers Persons have, by their own Genius,  
 ‘ Industry, Pains and Expence, improved and brought the  
 ‘ Art of making new Models and Casts of Busts, and of Statues  
 ‘ of Human Figures, and of Animals, to great Perfection, in Hopes  
 ‘ to have reaped the sole Benefit of their Labours; but that divers  
 ‘ Persons have (without the Consent of the Proprietors thereof)  
 ‘ copied and made Moulds from the said Models and Casts, and sold  
 ‘ base Copies and Casts of such new Models and Casts, to the great  
 ‘ Prejudice and Detriment of the original Proprietors, and to the  
 ‘ Discouragement of the Art of making such new Models and Casts  
 ‘ as aforesaid:’ For Remedy whereof, and for preventing such Prac-  
 ‘ tices for the future, May it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted;  
 and be it enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with  
 the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and  
 Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Au-  
 thority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act,  
 every Person who shall make or cause to be made any new Model, or  
 Copy or Cast made from such new Model of any Bust, or any Part  
 of the Human Figure, or any Statue of the Human Figure or the  
 Head of any Animal or any Part of any Animal, or the Statue of  
 any Animal; or shall make or cause to be made any new Model,  
 Copy or Cast from such new Model, in Alto or Basso Relievo, or  
 any Work in which the Representation of any Human Figure or  
 Figures, or the Representation of any Animal or Animals shall be  
 introduced, or shall make or cause to be made any new Cast from  
 Nature of any Part or Parts of the Human Figure, or of any Part  
 or Parts of any Animal, shall have the sole Right and Property in  
 every such new Model, Copy or Cast, and also in every such new  
 Model, Copy or Cast in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any Work as  
 aforesaid, and also in every such new Cast from Nature as aforesaid,

The sole Right  
 and Property of  
 making Models  
 or Casts vested  
 in original Pro-  
 prietor for 14  
 Years.

for

for and during the Term of fourteen Years from the time of first publishing the same: Provided always, That every Person who shall make or cause to be made any such new Model, Copy or Cast, or any such new Model, Copy or Cast in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any Work as aforesaid, or any new Cast from Nature as aforesaid, shall cause his or her Name to be put thereon with the Date of the Publication, before the same shall be published and exposed to Sale.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall, within the said Term of fourteen Years, make or cause to be made any Copy or Cast of any such new Model, Copy or Cast, or any such Model, Copy or Cast in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any such Work as aforesaid, or any such new Cast from Nature as aforesaid, either by adding to or diminishing from any such new Model, Copy or Cast, or adding to or diminishing from any such new Model, Copy Cast or in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any such Work as aforesaid, or adding to or diminishing from any such new Cast from Nature, or shall cause or procure the same to be done, or shall import any Copy or Cast of such new Model, Copy or Cast, or Copy or Cast of such new Model, Copy or Cast in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any such Work as aforesaid, or any Copy or Cast of any such new Cast from Nature as aforesaid, for Sale, or shall sell or otherwise dispose of, or cause or procure to be sold or exposed to Sale or otherwise disposed of, any Copy or Cast of any such new Model, Copy or Cast; or any Copy or Cast of such new Model, Copy or Cast in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any such Work as aforesaid, or any Copy or Cast of any such new Cast from Nature as aforesaid, without the express Consent of the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof first had and obtained, in Writing signed by him, her or them respectively, with his, her or their Hand or Hands, in the Presence of and attested by two or more credible Witnesses, then and in all or any of the cases aforesaid, every Proprietor or Proprietors of any such original Model, Copy or Cast, and every Proprietor or Proprietors of any such original Model, or Copy or Cast in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any such Work as aforesaid, or the Proprietor or Proprietors of any such new Cast from Nature as aforesaid respectively, shall and may, by and in a special Action upon the Case, to be brought against the Person or Persons so offending, recover such Damages as a Jury on the Trial of such Action, or on the Execution of a Writ of Enquiry thereon, shall give or assess, together with full Costs of Suit.

Making Copies of Model or Cast without written Consent of Proprietor.

Special Action on the Case.

Costs. Exception.

III. Provided nevertheless, That no Person who shall hereafter purchase the Right, either in any such Model, Copy or Cast, or in any such Model, Copy or Cast in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any such Work as aforesaid, or any such new Cast from Nature of the original Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, shall be subject to any Action for vending or selling any Cast or Copy from the same; any thing contained in this Act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

IV. Provided also, That all Actions to be brought as aforesaid, against any Person or Persons for any Offence committed against this Act, shall be commenced within six Calendar Months next after the Discovery of every such Offence, and not afterwards.

Limitation of Actions.